

Application Serial No.: 10/662,327

Attorney Docket No. 093833-0311906 (27688-003)

In Response to Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2004

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2004 (hereinafter "Final Action"), Applicants are submitting herewith a drawing sheet, depicting FIGS. 5A-5B, to address a drawing objection raised by the Examiner in the Final Action. No claims have been amended, cancelled, or newly added as Applicants are filing a Notice of Appeal herewith. Therefore, claims 8-9 and 17-26 remain pending.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for allegedly failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner alleges that the hook and loop fastener (recited in claims 21 and 26) is not illustrated. *See* Final Action, pg. 2, ¶1.

In response, the drawings have been amended to include a drawing sheet (depicting FIGS. 5A-5B) which illustrates a hook and loop fastener.² FIGS. 5A-5B do not constitute the addition of new matter, as support for these figures is provided throughout the as-filed Specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve FIGS. 5A-5B and withdrawal the objection to the drawings.

² Examiner Lavinder is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during a telephone interview on April 13, 2005. During the interview, the undersigned discussed proposed FIGS. 5A-5B with the Examiner, and a copy of FIGS. 5A-5B were sent to the Examiner, via e-mail, for his review. The Examiner replied, via e-mail, on April 14, 2005 that FIGS. 5A-5B are acceptable.

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Specification

The Specification has been amended to include reference to FIGS. 5A-5B.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102-103

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,050,695 to Fromm. *See* Final Action, pg. 3, ¶'s 2-3. Claims 9 and 17-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fromm in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,618,328 to Ellner *et al.* ("Ellner"). *See* Final Action, pg. 4, ¶'s 5-8.

Applicants traverse the rejections and maintain the arguments presented in the "Response to Non-Final Office Action" filed October 13, 2004. Applicants are submitting a Notice of Appeal herewith to appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner.

Amendment dated: April 14, 2005

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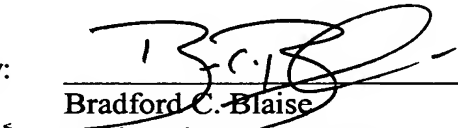
CONCLUSION

This After-Final Amendment has been submitted solely to address a drawing objection raised by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

- Please add the drawing sheet, attached in APPENDIX A, depicting FIGS. 5A-5B.
- FIGS. 5A-5B are addressed in the **Remarks** section beginning on page 8 of this paper.

APPENDIX A: Drawing sheet depicting FIGS. 5A-5B.